(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) राज्य सरकार ने विदिशा जिले के बाह सिंचाई परियोजना का कार्यक्षेत्र बदल दिया है और इस पर पुनर्विचार करने का अनुरोध किया है। प्रस्ताव की पुनः जांच करने के बाद राज्य सरकार से कतिपय अनिवार्य ब्यौरे मांगे गए हैं ताकि केन्द्र सरकार पर्यावरणीय और वानिकी दृष्टि से प्रस्ताव का मूल्यांकन कर सके।

(ख) और (ग) वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत मध्यप्रदेश राज्य सरकार से ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ।

Telephone Connections on Demand in North-East Region

*38 SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Action-plan to provide telephone connections on demand to consumers of North-East region as whole and particularly Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The waiting list as on 31st March, 1995 was 23355 in NE Region (including 15028 in Assam). The Department has plans to provide 30,700 telephone connections in NE Region during 1995-96 (Including 14600 in Assam). This will not only clear most of the waiting list as on 31st March, 1995 but will also enable to provide new connection to some of those applicants registered during the current year 1995-96.

National Telecom Policy 1994 however envisages to provide telephone on demand throughout the country including NE region by 1997.

The waiting period for telephone connection is likely to be brought down significantly by 31st March, 1996 at most of the places in NE region including Assam.

Productivity of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineering Ltd. (HDPEL)

*39. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1130 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether a short term plan for revival of HDPEL had been examined by an expert group;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) whether Government have agreed, in principle, to revive the company; and

(d) if so, the envisaged zero date for implementation of the revival plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Inter-ministerial consultations on the report are in progress.

News regarding use of cow fat by Pepsi Co.

*40 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "Pepsi uses cow fat in chewinggums" as reported in 'Pioneer' dated 8th February, 1996;